

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus attachable to a container useful for watering an animal, the apparatus comprising:

a base cap removably attachable to the container, the base cap having a base cap flow

aperture; and

a flow activation member removably attachable to the base cap, the flow activation member being made from a rubber-like material and having a triggering mechanism and a flow activation member flow aperture.

2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, where the apparatus further comprises:

an outer cap removably attachable to the base cap, the outer cap having an aperture through which the triggering mechanism can pass.

3. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, where the base cap is threaded.

4. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, where the base cap includes multiple base cap flow apertures.

5. (original) The apparatus of claim 4, where the flow activation member includes multiple flow activation member flow apertures.

6. (currently amended) An apparatus attachable to a container useful for watering an animal, the apparatus comprising:

a base cap removably attachable to the container, the base cap having a base cap flow aperture; and

a flow activation member configured to fit over a portion of the base cap and being removably attachable to the base cap, the flow activation member having a lever and material that defines a flow activation member flow aperture, the lever being integral with the material that defines the flow activation member flow aperture, the lever having a deactivated position and an activated position.

7. (original) The apparatus of claim 6, where the apparatus further comprises:

an outer cap removably attachable to the base cap, the outer cap having a lever aperture through which the lever can pass, the outer cap also being configured to fit over a portion of the base cap and a portion of the flow activation member; and where the base cap is threaded.

8. (original) The apparatus of claim 7, where the base cap includes multiple base cap flow apertures, and the flow activation member includes multiple flow activation member flow apertures.

9. (currently amended) An apparatus attachable to a container useful for watering an animal, the apparatus comprising:

a base cap being internally threaded so as to be removably attachable to an externally threaded portion of the container, the base cap having a base cap flow aperture; and

a flow activation member configured to fit over a portion of the base cap and being removably attachable to the base cap, the flow activation member having a lever, a washer surrounding the lever, and a flow activation member flow aperture, the lever having a deactivated position and an activated position.

10. (original) The apparatus of claim 9, where the apparatus further comprises:
an outer cap removably attachable to the base cap, the outer cap having a lever aperture through which the lever can pass, the lever aperture being defined by a shoulder that projects inwardly from a portion of the outer cap, the outer cap also being configured to fit over a portion of the base cap and a portion of the flow activation member, the outer cap having an outer cap deactivated position and an outer cap activated position; and
where the flow activation member flow aperture is positioned in the flow activation member such that, when the outer cap is in the outer cap activated position, more liquid can pass through the flow activation member flow aperture when the lever is in the activated position than when the lever is in the deactivated position.

11. (original) The apparatus of claim 10, where the base cap includes multiple base cap flow apertures, and the flow activation member includes multiple flow activation member flow apertures.

12. (new) An apparatus attachable to a container useful for watering an animal, the apparatus comprising:

a base cap removably attachable to the container, the base cap having a base cap flow aperture; and

a flow activation member removably attachable to the base cap such that at least a portion of the base cap is positioned between a portion of the container and a portion of the flow activation member, the flow activation member having a triggering mechanism extending from elastic material that includes multiple flow activation member flow apertures.

13. (new) The apparatus of claim 12, where the apparatus further comprises:

an outer cap removably attachable to the base cap, the outer cap having an aperture through which the triggering mechanism can pass.

14. (new) The apparatus of claim 12, where the base cap is threaded.

15. (new) The apparatus of claim 12, where the base cap includes multiple base cap flow apertures.

16. (new) The apparatus of claim 12, where the triggering mechanism is made from elastic material.

17. (new) The apparatus of claim 12, where the flow activation member is made from rubber.

18. (new) An apparatus attachable to a container useful for watering an animal, the apparatus comprising:

a base cap removably attachable to the container, the base cap having a base cap flow aperture; and

a flow activation member configured to fit over a portion of the base cap and being removably attachable to the base cap, the flow activation member having a lever and flow activation member flow apertures that can be opened by activating the lever, the flow activation member being made from elastic material;

the apparatus being configured such that when the apparatus is attached to the container, the container is filled with water, and multiple flow activation member flow apertures are opened, at least some water will flow through the opened flow activation member flow apertures under the force of gravity alone.

19. (new) The apparatus of claim 18, where the apparatus further comprises:

an outer cap removably attachable to the base cap, the outer cap having a lever aperture through which the lever can pass, the outer cap also being configured to fit over a portion of the base cap and a portion of the flow activation member; and where the base cap is threaded.

20. (new) The apparatus of claim 19, where the base cap includes multiple base cap flow apertures.